

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 19-36 are pending. Applicants previously elected Group 1, which was directed to non-heterocyclic compounds. The claims have been amended to require that Ring A is a non-heterocyclic ring. Claims 2 and 4, which were withdrawn from consideration as being directed heterocyclic compounds, also have been amended to limit Ring A to a non-heterocyclic ring. Rejoinder and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Claim 18 has been amended to spell out the abbreviation "DHODH". Claims 28 and 29 have been clarified. No new matter has been added.

Quayle Action

The Applicants thank Examiner Kumar for indicating that Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 19-36 are allowable. Non-elected Claim 3 has been cancelled and non-elected Claim 4 has been amended to require that Ring A be non-heterocyclic by requiring Group X to comprise a carbon atom (i.e., C=O). Thus, they believe that these amendments address the issues raised in the Quayle Action by requiring Ring A to be a non-heterocyclic ring. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he have any remaining concerns prior to allowance of this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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